



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: HAIMING WANG ET AL.
Assignee: KLA-TENCOR CORPORATION
Title: SYSTEM FOR ANALYZING SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS
WITH SELF-CALIBRATING CAPABILITY
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed on May 10, 2002, setting a period for response expiring on August 10, 2002. Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the response period to expire on September 10, 2002.

The misnumbering of claims is regretted and the misnumbered claims 73-130 have now been renumbered 68-125. Claims 83-87 have been withdrawn as a result of a restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application in order to present the subject matter of the withdrawn claims 83-87.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend and or cancel the claims as shown below (a marked up copy of the claims, showing the amendments made, is attached hereto):

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